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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

***In the Specification***

At page 1, line 15, please replace "doubling" with --dubbing--.

At page 1, line 20, please replace "to a transparent" with --in the clear--.

At page 2, line 2, please replace "send" with --sent--.

At page 2, line 8, please delete "a".

At page 2, line 11, please replace ", it is the" with --. It is an--.

At page 2, line 13, after "information" please insert --,--.

At page 2, line 14, please replace "computer can not"